

Mid-East Prophecy Update – May 13th, 2012

- I want to do something a little bit different than what we usually do for today's prophecy update, and, Lord willing, next weeks update as well.
- Let me explain, I've been sensing, as of late, that by zeroing in on one particular prophecy or aspect of prophecy, it can all get discombobulated.
- It's for this reason I wish to put the prophetic puzzle pieces together with the hopes that we'll be better able to see the bigger prophetic picture.

- Now, as we put each of the prophetic puzzle pieces in place, I'll attempt to do so in somewhat of a chronological order to establish a timeline.
- In order to do that, I will have to sort of put some of the puzzle pieces into place prior to establishing this timeline, and hopefully you'll see why.
- First, let me begin by putting the pieces on the table, as it were, so as to start the process of arranging them in such a way to see where they fit.

- Again, we're arranging the pieces for now and not placing them where they belong in the bigger picture of our timeline at least not yet anyway.
- So, that being said, what follows are the main prophecies that are even now beginning to come to pass right before our very eyes in real time.
- Let me hasten to say before we go through them that not only are they happening now, they are happening with break neck speed as we speak.

1. The Russia/Iran Puzzle Piece: This prophecy foretells an allied attack against Israel who has become wealthy and thinks she dwells safely.

Ezekiel 38:1-23 NIV (1) The word of the LORD came to me: (2) "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; prophesy against him (3) and say: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. (4) I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army—your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords. (5) Persia, Cush and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, (6) also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops—the many nations with you. ... (11) You will say, "I will invade a land of unwallled villages; I will attack a peaceful and unsuspecting people—all of them living without walls and without gates and bars. (12) I will plunder and loot and turn my hand against the resettled ruins and the people gathered from the nations, rich in livestock and goods, living at the center of the land." (13) Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish and all her villages will say to you, "Have you come to plunder? Have you gathered your hordes to loot, to carry off silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods and to seize much plunder?" (14) "Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: In that day, when my people Israel are living in safety, will you not take notice of it? (15) You will come from your place in the far north, you and many nations with you, all of them riding on horses, a great horde, a mighty army

- It's interesting to note that in concert with Putin's inauguration on Monday, we had Netanyahu announcing that the elections will be held in 2012.
- Actually, it's very likely that they will be moved up to September 4th of this year well in advance of our US Presidential election November 2012.
- The thought is, as Joel Rosenberg so aptly said it on his blog that these new elections in September may in fact affect the "Iran War Timetable."

2. The Annihilation of Israel Puzzle Piece: This prophecy foretells a different allied attack against Israel with the hope to wipe them off the map.

- While the Ezekiel 38 attack is for the purpose of taking a spoil from Israel, the Psalms 83 attack is for the purpose of the annihilation of Israel.

Psalms 83:1-4 NIV A song. A psalm of Asaph. O God, do not keep silent; be not quiet, O God, be not still. (2) See how your enemies are astir, how your foes rear their heads. (3) With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. (4) "Come," they say, "let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more."

- What's interesting about this specific prophecy is that to a nation and people group, every single one of them is perfectly postured and in place.
- All they're waiting for is the green light, and they will attack Israel for the sole purpose of completely destroying her so she's a nation no more.
- The good news is that we know how this ends for Israel, the apple of God's eye. This alliance will not succeed, and in fact, they are destroyed.

3. The Palestinian State Puzzle Piece: This prophecy is about the world becoming intoxicated drinking from the cup of a divided Jerusalem.

Zechariah 12:1-3 NKJV The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: (2) "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. (3) And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

- If you were to ask me what I thought was one of the most dramatic prophecies in the Bible, this particular one would have to be right at the top.
- The reason I say that is because the world is not the least bit concerned about dividing say, Tokyo, or New York, or Paris, or even Waimanalo.
- I may not be the sharpest knife in the drawer, but I'm smart enough to know that the very fact it's Jerusalem, validates and authenticates this.

4. The Destruction of Syria Puzzle Piece: This prophecy foretells how that Damascus Syria will be destroyed and become a pile of rubble.

Isaiah 17:1 NIV An oracle concerning Damascus: "See, Damascus will no longer be a city but will become a heap of ruins.

- This one is most fascinating for what would be deemed obvious reasons, as we see what's happening to one Bashar Al-Assad's regime in Syria.
- By the way, I happened upon an interesting video concerning Syria, which suggests that this is an Egypt and a Libya déjà vu all over again.
- They even go as far as saying that what we're being told in the news is not at all what's really happening over there if you go behind the scenes.

5. The Egypt Puzzle Piece: This prophecy foretells how Egypt will be riddled by a civil war and be given over to a cruel and fierce king.

Isaiah 19:1-4 NIV An oracle concerning Egypt: See, the LORD rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt. The idols of Egypt tremble before him, and the hearts of the Egyptians melt within them. (2) "I will stir up Egyptian against Egyptian— brother will fight against brother, neighbor against neighbor, city against city, kingdom against kingdom. (3) The Egyptians will lose heart, and I will bring their plans to nothing; they will consult the idols and the spirits of the dead, the mediums and the spiritists. (4) I will hand the Egyptians over to the power of a cruel master, and a fierce king will rule over them," declares the Lord, the LORD Almighty.

- Last year in February, we devoted an entire prophecy update to the situation in Egypt, and in so doing, played it out to where it has gone to now.
- Incidentally, just this last week, an Egyptian Cleric said; "The capital of Islamic Caliphate won't be Cairo, Mecca, Medina. It shall be Jerusalem!
- This is another one of those prophecies that's being fulfilled in a dramatic way right before our very eyes as everything fits together perfectly.

6. The Mid-East Peace Puzzle Piece: This prophecy foretells the upcoming Mid-East peace agreement, which will be for a total of seven years.

Daniel 9:27 NIV He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

- I'm of the belief that we are on the cusp of this prophecy being fulfilled by virtue of how the world has an insatiable quest for peace and security.
- Be that as it may, for the benefit of those who were not with us for last weeks update, we did an in-depth study of this in 1 Thessalonians 5:3.
- Suffice it to say, this is yet another piece of our prophecy puzzle that can be put in place perfectly, as we see so much happening and so fast.

7. The Anti-Christ Puzzle Piece: This prophecy foretells how a global leader will control a new/one world government, religion, and economy.

Revelation 13:16-18 NIV (16) He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, **(17)** so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. **(18)** This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.

- This prophecy is probably one of the most well known of all of them however, it's also probably one of the most misunderstood of all of them too.
- The reason I say that is, the Anti-Christ is often seen as only being against Christ, and not in the place of Christ who's seen as a savior of sorts.
- In other words, this man will seemingly have all of the answers and be able to solve all the world's religious, political, and financial problems.

- I suppose it should come as no surprise when we hear about; "Senior Eurocrats are secretly plotting to create a super-powerful EU president."
- A news source headline read; "Ministers ponder creation of EU super-president." Another said; "Plot to Create a Super-Powerful EU President."
- The headline that really caught my attention read as follows: "Europe Plots to Create Super President To Rule All." I think that this says it all.

- While all seven of these main pieces to our prophecy puzzle are not exhaustive they will be foundational in terms of fitting everything together.
- There are many other smaller pieces to the puzzle like the natural, or perhaps better-said, supernatural disasters we've seen in recent months.
- It's believed that the wacky and weird weather in unusual places all over the globe may somehow be connected to the increasing earthquakes.

- Furthermore, we've had some phenomenal cosmic signs in the sun and the moon as evidenced by the super moon on Saturday night in Hawaii.
- Again, these are more pieces to our puzzle, and they need to be factored into the equation, so to speak, in order for us to see the bigger picture.
- Having said that, I'll close with this, Jesus told us that this is exactly what would happen before the rapture, and He told us how to respond too.

John 14:29 NIV I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

Luke 21:28 NKJV Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."